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I am writing to express my reservations regarding the proposed Microsoft settlement. Specifically, I am afraid that the proposed settlement would not significantly change Microsoft's ability to maintain and abuse a monopoly position.

I would propose that the single best remedy to allow a level playing field in the computer software industry would be to require Microsoft to publish complete specs of any interface, communication protocol, or file format used by Microsoft software that is not a format already considered an "open" format as documented in an RFC.

I am concerned that the language in the proposed settlement at this time would discriminate against non-profit groups, and open source in general.

Thank you for your consideration.

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